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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ATTACKS ON U.S.

1. AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED IN RECENT MONTHS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS GONE TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO ECHO MOSCOW'S OUTSPOKEN ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMS CONTROL. IN THE TWO WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE AUGUST 1 SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, THE CZECHOSLOVAKS INTENSIFIED THEIR PROPAGANDA ATTACKS.

2. RUDE PRAVO HAS CARRIED A SERIES OF ARTICLES DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE U.S. HAS FAILED TO IMPLEMENT CSCE FINAL ACT PROVISIONS IN BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SPHERES. IN THE FIRST OF THE FIVE ARTICLES TO APPEAR TO DATE (PRAGUE 2028), RUDE PRAVO ACCUSED THE U.S. OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, ALLEGING THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD USED THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE TRADE ACT TO "CREATE AND SUPPORT INTERNAL OPPOSITION IN THE STATES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

THE ARTICLE CITES AS OTHER EXAMPLES OF U.S. INTERFERENCE

1) DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF LATVIAN, LITHUANIAN AND ESTONIAN

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GOVERNMENTS IN EXILE; 2) THE U.S. STAND ON THE GDR AND BERLIN;  
3) BLOCKING THE RETURN OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOLD; 4) CONTINUED  
SUPPORT FOR RFE AND RL; AND 5) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENTS  
SUCH AS V. BUKOVSKY.

3. OTHER ARTICLES IN THE SERIES ATTACKED THE U. S. FOR: 1) FAILURE  
TO RATIFY VARIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PACTS; 2) RACISM TOWARD MINORITIES;

AND 3) AN INEQUITABLE ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

4. THE CZECHOSLOVAK PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ON ARMS CONTROL HAS FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE SALT STALEMATE AND THE NEUTRON BOMB. JULY 28 RUDE PRAVO CARRIED THE DECISION OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6-13 A PERIOD FOR ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE CONTROVERSIAL NEW WEAPON, WHILE JULY 30 RUDE PRAVO AND AUGUST 1 LIDOVA DEMOCRACIE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEACE COMMITTEE AND THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (HQ IN PRAGUE), RESPECTIVELY, HAD PROCLAIMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE WPC'S MOVE.

5. IN JULY 28 ARTICLE, SVOBODNE SLOVO ALLEGED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD SUPRESSED A STUDY THAT SHOWED THE U.S. AND USSR ARE EQUAL MILITARILY IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY OVER THE SOVIET UNION. THE ARTICLE WARNED THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD SERVE TO FUEL THE ARMS RACE.

6. AUGUST 1 RUDE PRAVO CARRIED REMARKS BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MILOS VEJVODA, WHO ACCUSED THE U.S. OF SEEKING A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE IN SALT AND EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COMING ROUND OF MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA.

7. ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT,  
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RUDE PRAVO PRINTED AN EDITORIAL LINKING CSCE AND ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. BESIDES REITERATING EARLIER ALLEGATIONS THAT WESTERN NATIONS HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT THE FINAL ACT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNIST NATIONS AND PRAISING EASTERN EUROPEAN CSCE ACHIEVEMENTS, EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE MADE CLEAR THAT "DETENTE IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE MUST BE FOLLOWED BY DETENTE IN THE MILITARY SPHERE." CONTINUING, THE WRITER ACCUSED THE NATO COUNTRIES OF THWARTING NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS REDUCTION AND EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION.  
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